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**From:** DeGering, Tracy  
**Sent:** Monday, October 21, 2013 11:30 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting in Moscow, Idaho on Thursday Oct. 17?:

Good Morning, Don-

Yes, I was invited by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to give an overview of the new NPDES General Permit at the Clearwater Basin Advisory Group's most recent meeting on Oct 17. Due to the government shutdown, all travel plans within our agency were canceled that week and I was unable to attend. As a guest speaker, I'm not in the position of being able to reschedule another BAG meeting, but I am certainly willing to give presentations in the future (either in person or via teleconference/webinar if travel funds aren't available). The content of the presentation would have been similar to what we presented to the mining community this past April (a copy of which is currently available on our website): information about why a permit is necessary, the different prohibitions, and permit requirements.

I hope that answers your question,

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**From:** (b) (6)  
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**Subject:** Meeting in Moscow, Idaho on Thursday Oct. 17?:

Tracy,

It was rumored last week that you were willing to meet with water users in Moscow to discuss the NPDES General Permit for Small Scale Suction Dredge Mining in Idaho. Is this true? Are you or other reps. for EPA region 10 going to re-schedule for a meeting with this purpose in mind?

A press release in August intimated that suction dredge miners in Idaho are frustrated. This is an over-simplistic view.

Don Smith